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**OVER 1 MILLION POUNDS OF PESTICIDES REMOVED
FROM THE ENVIRONMENT IN ARKANSAS**

The Abandoned Pesticide Advisory Board is pleased to announce that the Abandoned Pesticide Collection Program has succeeded in removing in excess of 1,000,000 pounds of outdated or unwanted agricultural pesticides from potential environmental exposure in Arkansas.

Through the cooperative efforts of each county's County Judge, County Extension Agent, County Farm Bureau Office, the County Conservation District, the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, The State Department of Environmental Quality, The Arkansas Farm Bureau, The State Natural Resource Conservation Commission, The Arkansas State Plant Board and the Agricultural Pesticide Industry, this program has now held collection events for all 75 counties in the State.

For additional information, please contact Mike Thompson or Jason Robertson with the Arkansas State Plant Board at 501-225-1598.